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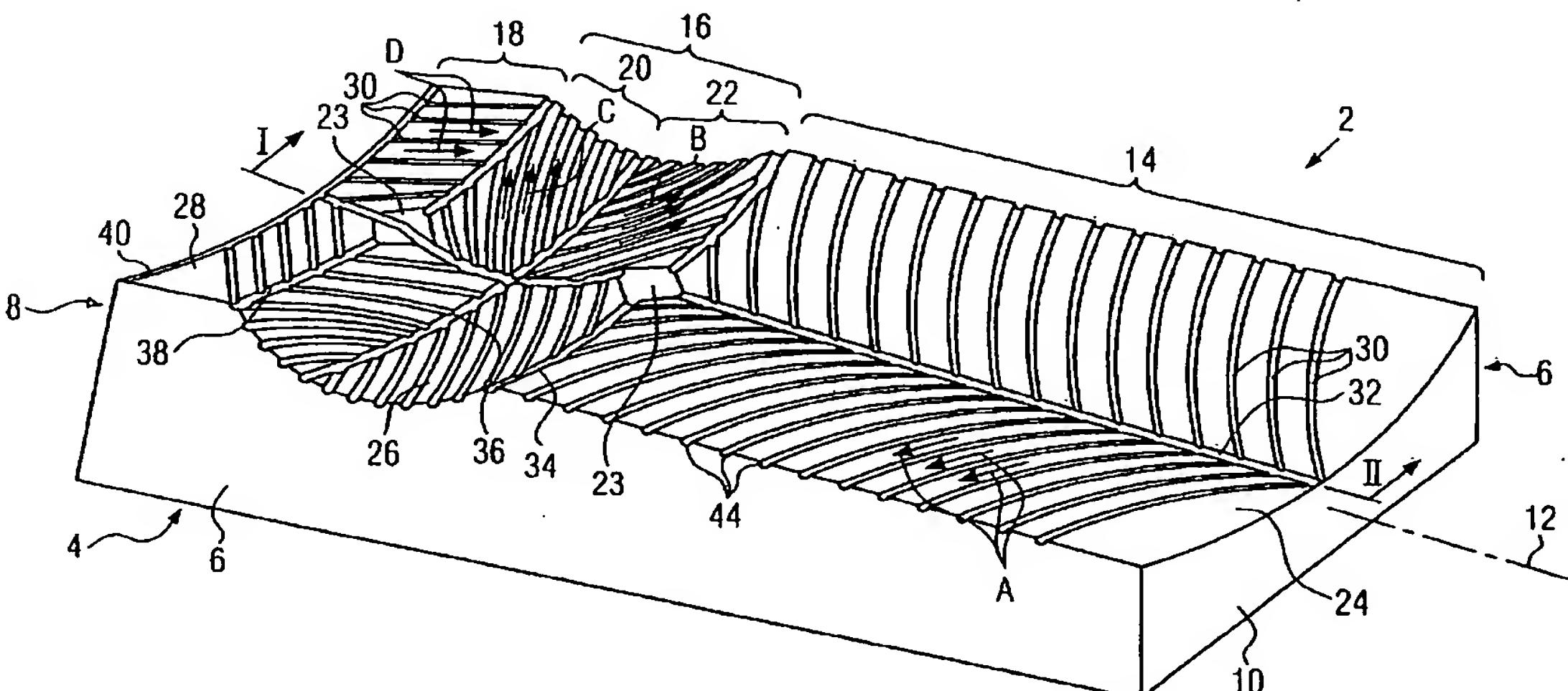
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(57) Abstract: A mattress (2), comprising: a resilient body having at least one upper surface portion for supporting a person (such as a small child or baby); and a plurality of surface channels (30) disposed in the or each upper surface portion and extending parallel thereto. The upper surface portions (for example three, including separate surface portions for supporting the head and the body) are inclined relative to the horizontal (or preferably, suitably anatomically sloped). The surface channels (30) have a component of direction in the direction of rising slope. In consequence, warm air that has been heated by contact with the person's body, in order to rise, passes along the surface channel (30) and out to the surrounding atmosphere. Thus, heat is dissipated away from the person's body and helps to prevent overheating.